

## House Resolution 1499

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65<sup>th</sup> and Brooks of the 63<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Michael A. Jones on the occasion of his 55th  
2 pastoral anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Michael A. Jones has devoted 55 years to preaching the Word of God  
4 and leading his community in Atlanta, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Reverend Jones has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel,  
6 witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological,  
7 intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

8 WHEREAS, on October 25, 2009, Reverend Jones celebrated the 55th anniversary of his  
9 pastorship with Cobb Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church; and

10 WHEREAS, during his time leading Cobb Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, the  
11 church has grown into a phenomenal place of worship, uplifting the community like the light  
12 of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

13 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the  
14 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or  
15 humanitarian, Reverend Jones serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

16 WHEREAS, as a minister of the Gospel, Reverend Jones has shown the energy, devotion,  
17 and commitment truly reflective of divine guidance which has allowed the Word of God to  
18 spread throughout the community; and

19 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Jones is a source of  
20 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

21 WHEREAS, Reverend Jones's guidance and inspiration have helped establish Cobb Bethel  
22 African Methodist Episcopal Church as a community presence, allowing the church to serve  
23 as an uplifting spiritual beacon of hope; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
25 of peace and love be recognized and congratulated for his innumerable good works rendered  
26 on behalf of persons in need.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
28 the members of this body commend Reverend Michael A. Jones for his service to the Lord  
29 and the community of Atlanta, congratulate him upon the wonderful occasion of his 55th  
30 pastoral anniversary, and extend best wishes for many more years of successful fellowship  
31 and leadership.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Michael A. Jones.